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CONTROVERSY OVER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after finalization of a document on sustainable development of the Earth a number of issues like targets for increase in amount of power generated from renewable sources remained unresolved and were subjected to controversy;

(b) if so, details of the subjects and issues on which controversy continued to persist; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to have these issues resolved to the benefit of developing nations and for assuring sustainable development of the globe ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) The question of diversification of energy supply by developing advanced and cleaner energy technologies and setting a target for renewable energy was extensively debated. The European Union insisted on a global target of 2 percent of renewable energy by the year 2010 from the base year 2000. On the basis of their energy resources endowment, Group of 77 and some other developed countries were cautious in accepting a firm commitment on the share of renewable energy in their overall energy requirement. This issue was resolved by including strong and emphatic references to increase the share of renewable energy on a global, regional and national basis. India succeeded in making developed nations agree on helping the developing countries with the necessary financial and technical resources to increase the share of renewable energy in a gradual manner.